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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/747,029

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For: PEPTIDES DESIGNED FOR DIAGNOSIS  
AND TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID  
ARTHRITIS

Confirmation No.: 3297

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: DIBRINO, M.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 28, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2003 for which the three-month date for response was October 28, 2003.

A request for a one month extension of time to respond is included herewith (as is authorization for payment of the required fee). This one month extension will bring the due date to November 28, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0031.00US00 for

this one-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0031.00US00**.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.